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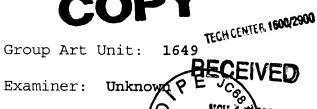
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000, in the above-identified application for which a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, along with payment of the appropriate fee is attached hereto, making response due on or before October 24, 2000.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees necessary for the continued pendency of the above-identified application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 29, line 21, after "GACGATGAGTCCGAC", insert -- (SEQ ID NO:1) --;